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House Committee on Ways and Means 1102 Longworth HOB Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

The Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA), representing millions of taxpayers across the country, writes in support of Rep. Peter Roskam's (R-Ill.) legislation to, "Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from requiring that the identity of contributors to 501(c) organizations be included in annual returns." This legislation, repealing what is known as the "Schedule B Form" for 501(c) organizations, will help to make tax compliance easier, as well as further curb the ability of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to hinder free speech and civic participation among the public.

This bill is just another step in the ongoing efforts by Congress to rein in the power of the IRS, and ensure that the agency is working for the taxpayer and not against them. Making compliance easier is win for both the public and private sector, and repealing the Schedule B Form requirement will also help to make compliance more taxpayer friendly. The IRS has already made favorable statements as it relates to ending the Schedule B Form requirement for some 501(c) groups.

TPA urges all members of the House Ways and Means Committee to support Rep. Roskam's legislation to repeal the Schedule B Form requirement for 501(c) groups, which will help to simplify the code for taxpayers and ensure that the agency is not engaging in political targeting of outside organizations.

Regards,

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